

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A container of cigarettes comprising
an outer package (2),
a number of packets (3) of cigarettes arranged in a given order inside the outer package (2); and
at least one reusable box (4) that is housed inside the outer package (2); the container (1) being characterized by the fact that the reusable box (4), is arranged side by side with the packets (3), is arranged with the packets (3) in said given order, and contains one of the packets (3) ; while each one of the other packets (3) acting as a refill for the at least one reusable box (4), and comprises a parallelepiped-shaped container housing one of the packets (3) and having at a top end an opening (6) shaped and sized to permit the passage of a said packet (3);
wherein each said packet (3) comprises an outer package (7) comprising an airtight outer wrapping (9);
wherein the outer package (7) includes a tear-off strip (10) that surrounds completely a top portion of the airtight outer wrapping (9) to permit the outer wrapping (9) to be opened thereby;
wherein the at least one reusable box (4) comprises a cup-shaped lid (5) hinged to the container along a hinge to rotate, with respect to container, between an open position and a closed position respectively opening and closing the opening (6); and
wherein the reusable box (4) comprises a collar projecting partly outwards of the opening (6) to engage a corresponding inner surface of the lid (5) when the lid (5) is in the closed position.

Claim 2. (canceled)

3. (currently amended) A container as claimed in claim 1, wherein each ~~said packet~~
(3) ~~comprises an outer package (7)~~ is defined by an airtight overwrapping outer wrapping (9).

4. (currently amended) A container as claimed in ~~claim 2~~ claim 1, wherein said
~~overwrapping outer wrapping (9)~~ and said reusable box (4) are made of respective printable
materials.

5. (previously presented) A container as claimed in claim 1, wherein said reusable box
(4) and each of said packets (3) are printed with first and, respectively, second graphics (8,
11) visible from the outside.

6. (original) A container as claimed in claim 5, wherein said first graphics (8) are
different from said second graphics (11).

Claim 7. (canceled)

8. (currently amended) A container as claimed in ~~claim 7~~ claim 1, wherein ~~the an~~
inner shape of said reusable box (4) and ~~the an~~ outer shape of each said packet (3) are
substantially complementary.

9. (previously presented) A container as claimed in claim 1, wherein said reusable box
(4) is made of cardboard.

10. (previously presented) A container as claimed in claim 1, wherein said reusable box (4) is made of plastic material.

11. (previously presented) A container as claimed in claim 1, wherein said reusable box (4) is made of metal material.

12. (previously presented) A container as claimed in claim 1, wherein inside the container (1) there is provided a sheet of paper or carton, which has the function of compensating the dimension of the box (4) in order to give uniform dimensions to the group of packets (3) inside the container (1).

13. (currently amended) A container as claimed in claim 12, wherein the sheet of paper or carton is printed and ~~have~~ has the function of a coupon.

14. (currently amended) A container as claimed in claim 12, wherein the sheet of paper or carton ~~carton~~ is folded.

15. (new) A container of cigarettes comprising:
an outer package (2);
a number of packets (3) of cigarettes arranged in a given order inside the outer package (2); and

at least one reusable box (4) that is housed inside the outer package (2), is arranged side by side with the packets (3), is arranged with the packets (3) in said given order, contains one of the packet (3) while each one of the other packets (3) acting as a refill for the reusable box (4); and comprises a parallelepiped-shaped container housing one of the packets (3) and having at a top end an opening (6) shaped and sized to permit the passage of a said packet (3);

wherein each said packet (3) comprises an outer package (7) comprising an airtight outer wrapping (9);

wherein the outer package (7) includes a tear-off strip (10) which surrounds completely a top portion of the airtight outer wrapping (9) to permit the outer wrapping (9) to be opened thereby;

wherein the at least one reusable box (4) comprises a cup-shaped lid (5) hinged to the container along a hinge to rotate, with respect to container, between an open position and a closed position respectively opening and closing the opening (6);

wherein the reusable box (4) comprises a collar projecting partly outwards of the opening (6) to engage a corresponding inner surface of the lid (5) when the lid (5) is in the closed position; and

wherein an entire upper wall of each packet (3) is completely in direct contact with an upper wall of the airtight outer wrapping (9) without the interposition of any intermediate element.